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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to submit the enclosed revised manuscript "N-acetylcysteine does not prevent contrast-induced nephropathy after cardiac catheterization in patients with diabetes mellitus and chronic kidney disease: A randomized clinical trial" (Trial registration: NCT00808795) according to the esteemed editor's comments as following:

1. We changed abstract conclusion in accordance with respectable reviewer's comment as: "There was no detectable benefit for the prophylactic administration of oral NAC over an aggressive hydration protocol in patients with DM and CKD."

2. Concerning power calculation, we modified the statements in "Limitations" in accordance with "statistical analysis" subheading of "Methods". Thus, the modified statement is: "This sample size was predetermined from a power calculation based on the findings of Tepel et al.[11]. They found a 19% difference in the rate of CIN between NAC and placebo groups, which was more extreme than what others have cited in favor of NAC."

I hereby declare that it has not been submitted for publication nor has it been published in whole or in part elsewhere. I attest to the fact that all authors listed on the title page have read the manuscript, attest to the validity and legitimacy of the data and its interpretation. On behalf of my co-authors, I declare that this study is funded by Clinical and Experimental Research Unit, Tehran Heart Center hospital, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, and Shariati Hospital, Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran. Authors are faculty member or research staff of Tehran University of Medical Sciences; none of them have any sort of conflict of interest.
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